

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES**

1449 WEST TEMPLE STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90026-5698

**Preliminary Assessment Summary**

CAD980817076

April 1984

Diversey Chem. Div. of  
Diversey Corp.  
5720 Imperial Hwy  
South Gate, CA 90280

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Toxic Substances Control Division  
Southern California Section

**Problem and History:**

This site was occupied by Diversey Chemicals from 1972 to 1980 as a manufacturer of cleaning lubricants. The records on the company were not available but a detailed letter from the parent corporation in Michigan supplied background information. A waste neutralization pit (underground) may have been abandoned. The site is presently operated by Superior Rubber Products and is in a heavily industrialized area.

**Recommendation:**

A low priority site investigation should be performed to evaluate the present tenant for compliance with waste regulations. It should also be determined if the neutralization pit is still being used or not.

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT  
Region 9

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Date 4/6/84

	SOURCE	INFORMATION
1. Site ID Number	ERRIS	CAD980817076
2. Site Name	ERRIS	Diversey Chem Div of Diversey Corp
3. Site Location	ERRIS	5720 Imperial Hwy South Gate, CA 90280
4. County	ERRIS	Los Angeles
5. Owner (Address & telephone no.)	Letter 4/2/84	W.T. McDonald, et al. 691 Irda Street Los Angeles, CA 90005 (no telephone listing)
6. Operator (Address & telephone no.)	Drive-by 3/2/84	Superior Rubber Products 5720 Imperial Hwy South Gate, CA 90280 (213) 869-1548
7. Type of Ownership	Letter 4/2/84	Private
8. Status	Drive-by 3/2/84	Inactive
9. Source Activity	Letter 4/2/84	Manufacturer of cleaning lubri- cants for the food processing and beverage industries. Metal clean- ing preparations for aircraft.
10. Years of Operation	EPA form 8900-1	1972 - 1980
11. Facility Type	EPA form 8900-1	Two acres, generator - used <u>licensed waste hauler.</u>
	Letter 4/2/84	neutralization pit - underground, pH adjusted, released to sewer.
12. Waste Type and Description	Letter 4/2/84	Rinse water from three liquid mix- ing vessels. Rinse water from cleanup of dry blending equipment. Rinse water from washing down of liquid chemical transfer area. 5 to 20 lbs. of sodium carbonate daily.

13. Contacts Donald Garvin (313) 281-0930

14. Incidents

None found per agency check.

Fire and Explosion \_\_\_\_\_ Direct Contact \_\_\_\_\_

15. Inspections (date, type, by whom, recommendations)

None found per agency check.

16. Enforcement History (list date, type of action, requirements, outcome)

None found per agency check.

17.a. Initial recommendation for further action:

Inspection recommended. Present tenant would not supply information over the phone.

17.b. EPA recommendation for further action:

*I concur with recommendation. The neutralization pit should be checked to see if it's still being used. Mike Noro 10/25/84*

18. Response Termination: \_\_\_\_\_ No Further Action ☒ Pending \_\_\_\_\_ Active

Justification:

*The past & present uses of the neutralization pit should be determined at some time in the future.*

*11/25/85*

	SOURCE	INFORMATION
19. Observed Release		
20. Depth to Aquifer		
21. Net Precipitation Net seas. rainfall Evaporation		
22. Permeability of Unsaturated Zone		
23. Physical State		
24. Containment (Ground Water)		
25. Toxicity		
26. Persistence		
27. Waste Quantity		
28. Ground Water Use		
29. Distance to Well		
30. Population Served (by Ground Water)		

	SOURCE	INFORMATION
31. Facility Slope		
32. 1 yr. 24 hr. rainfall		
33. Distance to Surface Water		
34. Containment (Surface Water)		
35. Surface Water Use		
36. Distance to Sensi- tive Environment		
37. Population Served (by Surface Water)		
38. Distance to Water Intake		
39. Reactivity		
40. Incompatibility		
41. Toxicity (Air)		
42. Population within 4 mile radius		
43. Land Use		

AGENCY CONTACT RECORD

MFO

Agency	Contact	Date	Response
D.O.H.S.	L.A.	2/24/84	No file Info. — invalid EPA # — computer
County Engineers	Record Search	2/27/84	No file Info.
DRIVE-BY (windshield)	SELF	3/2/84	See Memo 3/2/84
Ann Kaneshiro 213 744-3223	→ Hazardous Waste Control (County) — Occupational Health	3/5/84	No file Info.
RWQCB — L.A.	John Lewis 213 620-4460 <small>213 5465 Brown Cm.</small>	3/7/84	No file Info.
Cal — OSHA	Bob Garcia 213 - 736-3024	2/24/84	No file Info. — in Santa Ana region
City Sanitation	Carl Tripp	3/14/84	No file Info.
Company Contact	Donald F. Garvin 313 281-0930	3/22/84	See letter 4/2/84

Name: Diversey Chem.  
Address: 5720 Imperial Hwy.  
City, Zip: Southgate 90280

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SITE DRIVE-BY

869-1548

1. Status a. Active ☒ Inactive ☐ (b.) Different Company SUPER RUBBER PRODUCTS
2. Setting (a.) Urban ☒ Suburban ☐ Rural ☐ b. Residential ☐ Commercial ☒ Industrial ☒ Other  c. Near: RR tracks ☐ Drainage ☐ Freeway ☒ Other
3. Waste a. Group 1 ☐ Group 2 ☐ Group 3 ☐ b. Liquid ☐ Sludge ☐ Solid ☐ Other  c. Undetermined ☐ None Visible ☒
4. Waste Containment a. Pond ☐ Sump ☐ Pit ☐ b. Drum/Brl ☒ Pail/Can ☐ Trash can ☐ Dumpster ☐ Box/Pallet ☐ Bag/Sack ☐ Vehicle ☐ c. To: Ground ☐ Paving ☐ Drain ☐ Other  e. Tanks ☐ Other
5. Miscellaneous a. Odors NONE b. Vegetation NONE c. Topography  d. Site Observability somewhat restricted

6. Map & Comments A graphic site description. In addition to above, draw, describe and comment on the following: Buildings, Paving, Storage (raw material and products) Security, Vacant Areas, and Housekeeping. Also identify streets, landmarks, directions, etc.

(FRONT BLDG)  
drum storage → back lot. → just east of 7 freeway  
\* SUPER RUBBER PRODUCTS → sign. LOOKS SLOPPY → Partially paved. Located at corner of Garfield. Unsure of present activity of company. Old Bldg in front of property - appears abandoned.

7. Evaluation a. No Problem ☐ b. SAP Follow-up ☒ possible low-level. c. Possible Abandoned Site ☐ d. Referral to ☐

Date: 3/2/84  
Name: Mary Osborne



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